

REMARKS

Claim 1-4 and 29-37 are now present in this application.

Claims 5-28 have been cancelled without prejudice and disclaimer and 1-3 and 29-36 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has noted Applicant's election of Group I, claims 1-4 and 29-37. Because the Restriction Requirement stands, the non-elected claims 5-28 have now been cancelled without prejudiced or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application to these claims at a later time if so desired.

The Examiner is thanked for the acknowledgement of the claim for priority. The applicant is now obtaining a certified copy of the priority documents.

The drawings stand objected to for various reasons noted on the PTO-948 Form Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review. Attached herewith is a Letter to the Official Draftsperson in which corrected drawings are being presented. It is respectfully requested that all objections to the drawings now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 1-4 and 29-37 stand objected to for certain informalities. Because these informalities have been addressed, this objection should now be overcome. Moreover, it is

additionally noted that reference numerals have been removed from the claims.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner considers the subject matter of claims 1-4 and 29-37 to contain allowable subject matter. It is respectfully submitted that these claims should continue to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early Notice of Allowance for the instant application are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

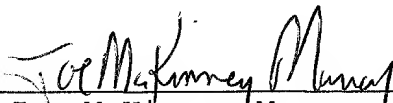
In the event there are any outstanding matters in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the (703)205-8000 in the Washington DC area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachment: Version With Markings To Show Changes Made



VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 5-28 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

The following claims have been amended:

1. (Amended) A wind turbine comprising a stationary part including a tower [(1)] extending substantially vertically, a nacelle [(2)] , a yawing system and a movable part being fixed to the nacelle, the nacelle comprising a wind rotor having at least one blade arranged on a main shaft having a substantially horizontal rotation axis and a power transmission system, [a] the yawing system comprising a stationary part being fixed to an upper end of the tower [(1)] and [a] the movable part being fixed to the nacelle [(2)], the stationary part and the movable part being designed so that the nacelle [(2)] is being supported vertically and horizontally by the tower [(1)] and may pivot relatively to the tower [(1)] about a substantially vertical yawing axis [(A)], and a plurality of elongated members such as bendable electrical power cables [(9)] for transferring electrical power from the generator system, the plurality of elongated members such as the power cables [(9)] being fastened at an upper end to the nacelle [(2)] and at a lower end to the stationary part of the wind turbine, and a passage [(4)] being defined between the nacelle [(2)] and the tower [(1)] and being positioned so that the vertical yawing axis [(A)] passes through the passage [(4)], the plurality of elongated members such as the electrical power cables [(9)]

passing through the [opening] passage, said wind turbine further comprising at least

a first suspension [(5)] being suspended by the nacelle [(2)], the first suspension defining substantially vertically extending supporting surfaces [(15)], the outer surface of each of said elongated member such as the electrical power cables [(9)] for a longitudinal length of at least four times the mean outer diameter [(d1, d2)] of the item being in abutting contact with and squeezed between at least two of each supporting surfaces [(15)] so that a substantial part of the weight of the member is supported by the first suspension [(5)].

2. (Amended) The wind turbine according to claim 1, wherein the first suspension [(5)] is arranged at an upper part of the tower [(1)] in the passage [(4)] between the tower (1) and the nacelle [(2)].

3. (Amended) The suspension to be used in wind turbine according to claim 1, wherein the supporting surfaces [(15)] of the first suspension [(5)] are formed from a resilient material.

29. (Amended) The wind turbine according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of spacing devices [(37)] are arranged between the elongated members such as the electrical power cables [(9)] with a vertical spacing between neighbouring spacing devices [(5)], each spacing device being arranged so as to maintain the members such as the power cables [(9)] in a constant position in a horizontal plane of the spacing device with a mutual spacing between the members.

30. (Amended) The wind turbine according to claim 29, wherein the spacing devices [(37)] are suspended from a vertically extending

elongated, flexible supporting means [(7)] of which an upper end is suspended from the nacelle [(2)].

31. (Amended) The wind turbine according to claim 30, wherein the supporting means [(7)] is secured to an upper end of the first suspension [(5)].

32. (Amended) The wind turbine according to claim 1 and comprising a second suspension [(101, 113)] being arranged at a lower vertical position than the first suspension [(5)], the second suspension defining substantially vertically extending supporting surfaces [(111, 119)], the outer surface of each of said members such as the electrical power cables [(9)] for a vertical length of at least four times the mean outer diameter of the member being in abutting contact with and squeezed between at least two of each supporting surfaces [(111, 119)] so that a substantial part of the weight of the member is supported by the second suspension.

33. (Amended) The wind turbine according to claim 32, wherein the second suspension [(101, 113)] is being suspended from the nacelle [(2)].

34. (Amended) The wind turbine according to claim 32, wherein the second suspension [(101, 113)] is supported by a vertically extending elongated, flexible supporting means [(7)] such as a wire, a rope or a chain.

35. (Amended) The wind turbine according to claim 34, wherein the supporting means [(7)] is fastened at an upper end to the first suspension [(5)].

36. (Amended) The suspension to be used in a wind turbine according to claim 32, wherein the supporting surfaces [(111,119)] of the second suspension [(101, 113)] are formed from a resilient material.